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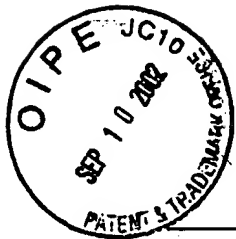
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RESPONSE TO SEQUENCE ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to accept the following response to the Sequence Election Requirement mailed August 7, 2002 (Paper No. 8), to consider the remarks therein.

Response to Sequence Election Requirement

In response to the Sequence Election Requirement mailed August 7, 2002 (Paper No. 8), Applicants elect, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the species of the polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID NO: 2 for initial examination on the merits. Applicants note for the record that SEQ ID NO: 1 is a polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID NO: 2. Applicants understand their species election is being made solely to expedite examination of the application, and that they are entitled to consideration of additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. Applicants reserve the right to refile claims to the non-elected inventions in one or more future applications retaining the priority date of the present case and the earlier cited priority applications.

Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment required with this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

Conclusion

The present document is a complete response to the Sequence Election Requirement. Applicants believe that the claims of the instant application meet all of the conditions for patentability and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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